The Government has constituted a Working Group consisting of Regulatory agencies, NGOs, Industry Associations and experts in the field to examine all aspects of the issue at the National level.

Computerisation of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly

1724. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Legislators of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to computerize the State Assembly;

(b) whether Government have considered their request and studied the economic feasibility of computerization of the entire Assembly; and

(c) if so, the progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal is presently under consideration.

Internet sharing

1729. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made to introduce Internet sharing which is a highly advanced method of digital media in a big way in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) Internet sharing, also known as Internet connection sharing is the method of sharing of the Internet connection amongst multiple computers for use in the house and in cyber café environment. This is done by using one of the computers in the network to act as a gateway/ router. It is already being used by the ISPs in India.

(b) ISPs in India are using the method to distribute their Internet Services to their clients by way of Internet sharing.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase of tariff for fixed line calls

1730. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has increased the tariffs for fixed line calls between Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mumbai subscribers will also have to pay a higher fee for calls made to satellite towns of Thane and Navi Mumbai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for which these tariffs have been increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pulse for fixed line call charges between Delhi and its adjoining areas have been revised from 180 seconds to 120 seconds. List of Stations are given below:—

NCR Stations Code

Distance	Station	Code
0-50	Ghaziabad	95-120
0-50	Noida	95-120
0-50	Faridabad	95-129
0-50	Sonepat	95-130
0-50	Bhadurgarh	95-1276
0-50	Gurgaon	95-124
0-50	Modi Nagar	95-1232
0-50	Sikandrabad	95-5735